

It Has at Last Permeated that Misplaced Contusion that Bill Dickinson Small Always Took for His Head, That the Good Die Young. No Wonder!

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Sideboard and combination writing desk in excellent condition. boy's auto truck. Call at 501 Gage st. 1006.

FOR SALE—25 pairs of rollers. L. C. Holt on School St. 5114

FOR SALE—Farm and wood land; good six room house and barn; 50 acres of timber land; balance wood and pasture land; 300 acres in all; running water in house and barn; several never-failing springs of pure water on the farm. A very desirable property and location for a business proposition, as there is timber enough to build several buildings; located 3 miles from Bennington post office. Price \$2500. \$1000 can be left on property. Nash & Hutchins. 4917

FOR SALE—40 yearling hens, half White Wyandotte and half Rhode Island Red. F. M. Philpott, Tel. 1892. 4907

FOR SALE—One eight room house at Arlington. Inquire of J. A. Cullison, 87 Baxter St., Rutland, Vt. 4755

FOR SALE—Variety of Lath and Planer tools and materials, etc. Apply to Eli J. Timony 400 Gage St. 4812

FOR SALE—A pair of open Good Cars. Very handy in snow. H. More Bottom, South Shaftsbury, Vt. 4812

FOR SALE—Two year old colt, coming three in May. Good size and well bred. C. M. Lively Stable, R. 1, street. 4867

FOR SALE—Broilers, dressed, \$1.25 a pair; alive, from 75c to \$1.00 a pair. Drop card to Frank Casano, Lyons Vt. Tel. 222. 4866

FOR SALE—One 1915 Ford Touring car equipped with shock absorbers, at a low price. Bennington Garage, E. W. Williams, 4417

FOR SALE—A first class dental office all equipped, doing fine business in one of the largest cities in Vermont. Address Dental Bureau Office. 4825

FOR SALE—Another lot of Ford 1914, 1915 and 1916 with and without electric start, 12 up. Price and inducements to suit. Marshall's Garage North Bennington 4716

FOR SALE—Modern house, 8 rooms, in the repair, piazza, good cellar, and large shed in rear, toilet and city water. Located 3 miles walk from Main st. Price \$1200. Nash & Hutchins. 417

FOR SALE—A customer has left with us a Ford Touring car in need of some overhauling which he desires to sell for him just as it is. A very low price will be accepted. The Bennington Garage, E. W. Williams. 4417

FOR SALE—Now and until after holidays laurel wreaths, holly leaves, evergreen, spruce and holly wreaths and Christmas trees. Graves covered with spruce. Orders delivered or shipped. Mrs. C. S. Moore, North Branch St., Tel. 1863. 2917

FOR SALE—Don't pay rent; \$15.00 per month for 20 years, with interest, amounts to \$2723.30. Buy a lot and save this. I can sell you a building lot on Main St., Grand St., 12th St., West St., E. St., Putnam St., Washington St., McKinley St., Denham St., E. St., 8th St., Convent St., Franklin St., and several new streets. Geo. H. Dewey, Agr. 2917

FOR SALE—The double house, "Pleasant" on Pleasant st. is paying for itself in less than 10 months. The store is nicely equipped by Dr. S. M. Smith, Main St., two houses on Dewey St., much cheaper than can be built. Several double and single houses for sale or rent. Building lots, far & near. Beuts covered. Property can be sold for cash. Geo. H. Dewey, Agr. 2917

FOR SALE—40 horses. We just arrived 200 and have 40 to select from. 12 pairs \$200 to \$300, but 300 to \$500. Single, 100 to 1500. Several pairs of mares in lot. All nice colors, healthy and ready to work. For sale at \$110 to \$150. 1 dark gray mare, 9 year old, ready and all gaited saddle. Another dark gray mare, 8 year old, ready and all gaited saddle. Another dark gray mare, 8 year old, ready and all gaited saddle. Guilford & Wood Horse Co., P. J. Wood Prop. Shelburne Falls, Mass. 4712

FOR SALE—The home property of Harry and Adeline Daley located on Branch St., only a short distance from Main St. The house has 9 rooms, all modern improvements including heat, and is in the best of repair. lot has 1/2 acre on Branch St. of 45 ft. and depth of 145 ft., with extra building lot on Gage St., extension, barn, good garden variety of fruit, nice in and shade. This is a very desirable home property; can be bought very reasonable if sold before January 1st. for price and full information see, Nash & Hutchins. 4717

FOR SALE—See us before January 1st, regarding the home place of Joseph Brodhead located on Dunbar Ave., just a step from the village limits. property consists of 1 acre of good land, that can be cut up into three good building lots and still have enough to go with home property, modern 9 room house, in excellent repair, good barn, wagon shed, line variety of fruit, good water, in fact one of the best buildings in Bennington today. this property must be sold before January 1st, to settle the estate, price is very reasonable, possession given at once. Nash & Hutchins. 4717

For Sale—Oak dining table at 507 Main street. 5016

For Sale—A fire and burglar proof safe, cost \$500. If taken at once will sell for \$300. Apply Dr. D. A. Gleason, North Bennington. Tel. 398-M 5016

Horses—We have accommodation for boarding a limited number of horses during the winter. Good quarters and good care. Two pairs, young matched horses for sale. Cedar Hill, Stock Farm, Pownal, Vt. Phone, 13-2. 5016*

Notice—Family, moving out of town, has paid \$281.00 on a \$400.00 Upright Grand piano. You pay balance \$119.00 and it is yours. The Gibbs Piano Co., 71-73 Main St., Springfield, Mass. 30 years one location. 5012*

NOTICE—A pretty box improves the appearance of your Christmas gifts. A handsome line of plain and fancy boxes now on sale in our show room. We make any special size box to order. Bennington Paper Box Factory, 705 Main St. 4812

TO RENT

TO RENT—Tenement. Apply E. S. Harris, 121 Division St. 221

TO RENT—Six room tenement on Elm St. Apply to William J. Meagher. 201

TO RENT—Seven room house, 235 Putnam street. Apply Edward E. Dewey. 1885

TO RENT—Tenement on South St., seven rooms. Apply to E. F. Rockwood, 407 Main St. 411

TO RENT—Two houses on Silver St., with all modern improvements. Apply to Melissa H. Mason, 204 South St. 411

TO RENT—North side of tenement on North Branch St., \$5 per month. Inquire Marie Rickart Patterson 125 Scott St. 4817

STANDARD OIL TANK
STEAMER SUNK
BY SUBMARINECommunipaw Torpedoed and Lost
in Mediterranean

NOTHING KNOWN OF CREW'S FATE

Austrian Underwater Craft Destroy
Munition Carrying Ships in
Adriatic.

London, Dec. 8.—Conflicting reports were in circulation today regarding the rumored sinking of the Standard Oil steamer Communipaw. There is an impression among shipping men that some other steamer has been sunk and mistaken for the tanker.

Standard Oil agents in New York are reported to have received word that the Communipaw reached Alexandria on Sunday.

Rome, Dec. 7.—The American oil steamer Communipaw has been sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean, near Tobruk, Tripoli. No information has been received concerning the fate of the crew or the nationality of the submarine.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The submarine attacks upon the Standard Oil tank ships Communipaw and Petroline, resulting in the sinking of the former, are interpreted here as meaning that the Austrian Government, possibly aided by Germany, has inaugurated a submarine warfare campaign against oil ships bound to and from the Levant with fuel for warships of the Allies engaged in naval activities and troop movements in connection with the Balkan campaign. Large quantities of oil are being shipped to Alexandria for use in these operations by vessels which depend mainly on oil fuel for propulsion.

Up to a late hour the Government was without official confirmation of press dispatches from Rome saying the Communipaw had been sunk. The issue with the Austro-Hungarian Government over its submarine warfare in the Mediterranean Sea, involving attacks on unarmed American and other neutral merchant vessels carrying non-combatants, was broadened today when official information reached Washington concerning an attack by an Austrian submarine.

TO RENT—One double and two single offices with all modern improvements in the new Harto Block on Main St. 9017

TO RENT—An apartment, 6 rooms and bath, partly heated, corner Branch and Main St. Inquire Mrs. Edward E. Hart, 819 Main St. 2012

TO RENT—Furnished rooms in the Brewster block, North St., steam heat, electric lights, etc. Apply Mrs. L. J. Davis on the premises. 4712

TO RENT—On Branch st., Extension: one even room house, one acre land, 200 ft. barn and hen house, all kinds fruit trees. Inquire Jackson Galusha. 4812

TO RENT—Fully equipped machine shop connected with Ideal Tool Garage, Carpenter and blacksmith shop, stores, offices and tenements. Geo. M. Hawke, 406 Main St. 811

TO RENT—Three furnished steam-heated rooms, suitable for light housekeeping, in the Levin house, formerly the Gov. Adams' home, on Pleasant street. Apply to Charles N. Powers, agent for the property. 4817

WANTED

WANTED—Ten All round machinists, married men from 25 to 40 years preferred, men who would like to make Bristol their home. Wages from 25 to 35 cents per hour according to ability. Only sober, steady men wanted. No labor trouble. New Departure Mfg. Co., Employment Dept., Bristol, Conn. 4915

WANTED—Pupil nurses at the Taunton State Hospital Training School for Nurses. For particulars, address Dr. Arthur V. Goss, Supr., Taunton State Hospital, Taunton 4917

Wanted—Domestic nursing. Apply Mrs. Phineas Gay, 205 Bradford St. Tel. 228-r. 4618

Wanted—Salesman to call on planters with our highest grade standard garden and grass seeds. Eleven consecutive years of increasing business, enables us to offer a permanent position with good income. Experience unnecessary. Cobb Co., Franklin, Mass. 4919

Wanted—Refined woman to demonstrate and sell custom made corsets in town of Bennington. Fifth Ave., Corset Co., P. O. Box 252 Burlington. 4616*

Wanted—Men to learn to drive and repair automobiles and be prepared to fill vacancies at good salaries. Write for special offer. Maine Auto Company, 779 Forest Ave., Portland, Maine. 50125*

Lost—Between the North Bennington cemetery and H. C. White's a gray muff. Finder please return to Mrs. Kenneth Dunham, North Bennington and receive reward. 5012*

fine on the American tank steamer Petroline, belonging to the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, while bound from Alexandria, Egypt, to New York City, and the tension in the case was heightened when the news of the sinking of the Communipaw was received.

Vienna, Dec. 7.—The sinking of a French submarine boat, the Fresnel, and six steamers and six large and several smaller Montenegrin sailing vessels in the lower Adriatic Sea, off the coast of Albania, is told in the official communication issued here today. All the vessels were loaded with war material, which they either were trying to land on the Albanian coast or to convey there.

Five of the steamers and the sailing ships were sent to the bottom by the Austrian cruiser Novara and Austrian torpedo boat destroyers at San Giovanni di Medua, which lies in the Gulf of Drin, to the north of Durazzo. They were engaged in discharging munitions. One Italian steamer, armed with three guns, and an Italian motor vessel were sunk while on their way from Brindisi to Durazzo. These were loaded with munitions. While the Austrians were engaged in sinking these vessels at San Giovanni di Medua, twenty guns on the shore bombarded them heavily, but, the official report says, without success.

COMMUNITY TREE

Novel Plan Arranged for Community Christmas.

Bennington is again to have a Community Christmas Tree. Since the village has no open square, a novel plan of decorating our main corner has been planned.

At the December meeting of the village trustees, permission was given the Civic League to place four trees, one on each corner, at the intersection of Main and North and South streets. A Christmas greeting outlined in electric lights will be placed across the street and a string of lights extended from it to each tree. Several other new plans for the Christmas observance are under way and will appear in detail later.

FIRE AT WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Chemical Laboratory Building Destroyed—Loss \$100,000

Williamstown, Dec. 7.—A fire destroyed the Thompson chemical laboratory of Williams college, a three story brick structure, early today. Damage is estimated at \$100,000. There is \$47,000 insurance. Brainard Meers, assistant professor of chemistry, and Cornelius Brown, an assistant, were asleep on the third floor, but they escaped.

The fire started from spontaneous combustion, according to college authorities. A valuable library and metals and chemicals which it is said cannot be replaced on account of the European war, were destroyed.

The walls still stand but will have to be razed.

For Bennington County Betterment And Improvement.



Unfertilized vs. Fertilized.

Product from four square rods in each pile. Yield doubled, profits nearly doubled. Result of one of the thirteen hay demonstrations conducted by the County Agricultural Agent this summer.

Are you interested in the continuation of this work? If so, drop a line to the Secretary of the County Association, Bennington.

School Improvement Contest Opens

Many schools from all parts of the County are applying for entrance in the School Improvement Contest which opened December 1st. It looks as though a large proportion of the one hundred eligible schools would be enrolled by the 10th. Applications will be accepted up to December 20th, but it is hoped that as many schools as possible will register by the 10th.

SEPARATE PEACE
SOUGHT BY KING
OF MONTENEGROKing Nicholas Says Little Nation
Is Exhausted by War

ALLIES REFUSE TO CONSENT

Berlin Paper Says Entente Powers
Threaten to Break Off Diplo-
matic Relations.

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Dec. 8.—King Nicholas of Montenegro has suggested to the representatives of the allied governments that Montenegro be permitted to make a separate peace on the ground that the nation has already become exhausted, according to dispatches printed in one of the Berlin newspapers.

The dispatch adds that the entente powers have informed Montenegro that if any such step is taken that all assistance will be withdrawn and that diplomatic negotiations with Montenegro will be broken off.

Paris, Dec. 8.—That England, against the protests of the other allied representatives, has made the proposal to withdraw the expeditionary force in the Balkans was strongly hinted at the close of the conference of the war ministers today.

THE FORTNIGHTLY

Saturday's Program in Charge of
Arts and Crafts Committee.

The Fortnightly program this week is in charge of the Arts and Crafts committee, Miss Jeanette E. Perkins, chairman, and will include one or two short papers and an interesting exhibit of hand craft, a part of which will be loaned by the Autonee Club of St. Albans.

Every one in Bennington, who has done artistic hand work of any sort is invited to contribute to the exhibit and to communicate with Miss Perkins. Any help of this sort will be deeply appreciated by the Arts and Crafts committee.

There will be a special musical program by Abe Noveck, violinist, accompanied by Duane Bassett and a group of singers will render several old English carols. A Christmas tea will close the afternoon, arranged by Mrs. Arthur E. Hollister and Miss Florence A. Walbridge.

Federation Christmas seals, in charge of the assistant, treasurer, Mrs. B. G. Slade, will be ready for subscribers.

TRUSTEE MEETING LAST NIGHT

Small Amount of Business Transacted
at Regular Monthly Session.

Trustees Nash, McGurn, Morrissey, Burt and Harbour were present at the regular monthly meeting of the village board of trustees last evening. Village President Braisted presided and Clerk Hogan and Corporation Attorney Bennett were present.

Permission was granted the civic league to erect Christmas trees at the four corners of the street at Putnam house square.

The petition for an electric light on Imperial avenue was referred to the lighting committee with power to act.

The petition of the N. E. Telephone company to erect poles in the western section of the village was referred for investigation to the lighting committee and the president. The fire committee was instructed to investigate the condition of the box at the corner of River and Lincoln where the grade was raised in building a sidewalk.

The clerk was instructed to call the attention of C. W. Thatcher to the condition of the roof of a barn owned by him on Park street. Complaints have been made that pieces of slate fly from the roof with every high wind endangering persons passing on the street.

The fire committee was given power to act in the cases of building permits for the Payne Brush company on South Branch street and for Nicholas Perrotti on Putnam street.

The clerk was instructed to draw orders for the following bills:

E. E. Larabee, Mgr. lights	\$481.25
E. E. Larabee, Mgr. lights	5.50
William Ryan, team	60.00
Patrick Brazil, police	30.00
Richard Hurley, police	21.50
A. J. Griffin, police	18.00
New England Tel & Tel. Co.	1.75
C. N. Powers, insurance	66.00
Adams Hardware Co., supplies	14.76
H. W. Myers & Son, Coal	16.51
J. L. Griswold, supplies	2.40
F. E. Howe, adv.	1.00
H. W. Putnam feed	22.75
L. H. Buss, repairs	8.15
H. S. Cover, smoke protectors	9.00
Harry Spear, drying hose	12.00
Geo. F. Graves 255 ft. of wall	127.50
William Nichols, fire alarm	50.00
Sargent & Tufts Mfg. Co., posts	39.60
Guy S. Harbour, cgr. sewer payroll	25.00
John Nash, cgr. Highway payroll	125.00
Perry & Keeseman office supplies	11.25
H. M. Tuttle Co., coal and auto hire	44.19
M. J. Burrington, Grades Lines	14.90

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told
Briefly for Busy Readers

Mrs. W. J. Meagher and Mrs. J. M. Ayres were in Troy yesterday.

There will be a rehearsal of the St. Francis de Sales choir at the church at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

Mrs. J. S. Holden left yesterday for Boston to meet her daughter, Mrs. Norman L. Bassett of Augusta, Me.

Miss Elizabeth Hoffman of the high school faculty entertained a dozen of her friends at dinner yesterday.

Today is the birthday of The Evening Banner. The first number was issued December 8, 1903 and the paper today enters upon its 13th year.

Earl Denio and Clarence Morse of this village have purchased Chevrolet cars of Perry B. Gardner. Oliver Lawrence of South Shaftsbury has also bought a Chevrolet and Merritt Burgess a hummobile.

Some exceptional specimens of work by the boys of the manual training department of the high school and also exhibits from the domestic science department are to be on exhibition at the forthcoming meeting of the Fortnightly next Saturday afternoon.

Samuel B. Hawks arrived in the village yesterday forenoon with one of the best bucks killed by Bennington hunters during the recent season just closed. After leaving the deer at Cullinan's market on South street he left on the return trip to his camp in Stratton.

Costuming and stage setting has begun for a Greek play which is to be given by the Greek history class of the High school shortly after Christmas. Most of the costumes will be made by the girls of the class and the stage work by the boys in the manual training department.

The domestic science class at the high school is to enjoy a trip through the Holden & Leonard mill Friday afternoon, conducted by Miss Margaret McLean, the instructor. The girls will be given the opportunity to observe the making of dress fabrics

ALIGN NEW BATTLE
FRONTS IN FOUR
WAR THEATRESActivity On All Fields from Asia
to Flanders

GERMANY'S BIG GUNS EVIDENT

Teutons Prepare to Strike in Serbia
Before Allies Are on the
Ground.

London, Dec. 7.—Important battles have begun or are impending in four war theatres—Mesopotamia, where the German field marshal, Baron von Der Goltz has taken command of the Turkish forces and is about to attack the British at Kut-el-Amara; in southeastern Serbia, where the Bulgarians have already attacked the Anglo-French positions and have been repulsed; on Gallipoli, where the Allies have taken the offensive, and in Belgium and France, where reports from Holland state the Germans have concentrated strong reinforcements and an immense amount of artillery with the object of striking a blow at the allied line in Flanders and Artois.

Except in Serbia the battles have not developed beyond the preliminary stage so far as is known, the artillery alone of the different armies being active. Along the Vardar-Cerna-Karasu front in Serbia the Bulgarians have already commenced their attack against the Anglo-French, and it is reported the German army of General von Gallwitz has been reorganized and reinforced and is marching south to take part in the operations.

It is the intention evidently of the Germans to strike hard before the Allies, who continue to land troops at Saloniki, have completed their preparations. It is reported the Germans have 400,000 men available. There is no indication of the Bulgarian or Anglo-French strength, but one report says that five allied divisions (nearly 100,000 men) have been landed thus far. The battle therefore will be one of the greatest importance.

According to the French, all the Bulgarian attacks have been repulsed, but the Germans say the French were compelled to give up their positions at the junction of the Vardar and Cerna rivers to avoid being enveloped.

The situation for the Allies is complicated by the attitude of the Greek government. The negotiations at Athens have not yet reached a satisfactory conclusion, and although the Greek king has reaffirmed his neutrality and repeated his assurances that Greek troops will never attack the Allies, the situation still causes great anxiety.

and receive a demonstration of difference in materials first hand.

The Recreation Dancing class, which was postponed last night will meet tonight at 8 o'clock.

All kinds of good things at the Baptist church food sale Saturday at 2:30 o'clock. Phone your orders to 13-X.

Carol D. Stone of Woodford was in the village yesterday and announces his marriage to Miss Coryn Marion Gregoire of North Adams. They were married Nov. 23 at Searsburg by Justice George E. Briggs of that town.

In the Y. M. C. A. ten pin tournament last night the Independents put up a strong offence against the Red Sox and won by totals of 2466 to 2395. The Independents scored as follows: Ladd, 491; Enright, 501; Sears, 556; Ryan, 398; Sloat, 520.

The Red Sox bowlers made the following totals for the three strings: Flynn, 490; Mattison, 529; Moore, 438; Sexton, 453; Morse, 494.

SHAFTSBURY

Mrs. Elmer Amidon and daughter, Lena, and Mr. and Mrs. George Boudin of White Creek spent Monday at the home of Clayton Reed.

The best asset a man has, he is. Out of his earning capacity he creates his estate. Life insurance recognizes the principle, capitalizes the estate and makes it certain in event of death or old age. National Life Ins. Co., of Vt. (Mutual.) Earle S. Kinsley, General Agent, Mead Building, Rutland, Vt. Adv.

DEMOCRATS WILL
MEET NEXT YEAR
IN ST. LOUISConvention Which Will Begin June
14 Will Renominate Wilson

T. J. PENCE TO BE SECRETARY

Resolutions Adopted by Committee
Endorsed President as "Trusted
Leader" of Party.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Democratic national convention of 1916 will be in St. Louis, beginning Wednesday, June 14, at noon. The Democratic national committee tonight named the convention city and adopted resolutions calling for the renomination and reelection of Woodrow Wilson as "the trusted leader of national Democracy."

Chicago and Dallas contested for the honor of the convention, but St. Louis easily led from the start and won on the second ballot.

When the trend of the voting was seen, Texas moved that the choice of St. Louis be made unanimous. Dallas was second on the first ballot but was displaced by Chicago on the second roll call.

Political leaders in Washington tonight regarded it as virtually certain that Chicago will be selected for the Republican convention, when the national committee of that party meets here next Tuesday. The date for this convention probably will be late in June.

Each of the three cities contesting for the Democratic convention put in a bid of \$100,000. St. Louis placed in the hands of the chairman New York drafts for that amount.

The advocates of St. Louis supplemented their financial inducements by a warning to the committee that the convention was needed in Missouri to keep the eighteen electoral votes of that state in the Democratic column. The delegation from Dallas pleaded with the committee to regard the local democracy of the south, by sending the convention next year to southern state. Chicago based its appeal largely on its climate and known ability to take care of convention crowds.

Thomas J. Pence, of North Carolina a protégé of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, was elected secretary, and in a speech of acceptance, declared reports of differences between himself and National Chairman W. F. McCombs were entirely without foundation.

Mr. Pence, regarded by many as a representative of the administration, said, amid cheers that he had worked harmoniously with Mr. McCombs in the past and hoped to work harmoniously with him in the future.

Chairman McCombs also arose to remark that the Democratic committee would continue to work indefatigably for the further success of the party. He declared there was not a cloud on the Democratic horizon, and that it was the duty of the committee to see that none should gather.

COUNTY COURT STARTS SLOWLY

Time of Morning Session Taken Up
With Motions for Continuance.

Motions for continuance and the arguments by attorneys took up the time of county court this morning.

The grand jury went into session shortly before 10 o'clock in the new room where the gallery was formerly located. E. D. Welling of North Bennington was yesterday appointed foreman of the grand jury. Mrs. George E. Donnelly is acting as stenographer.

BLIND MUSICIANS THURSDAY

McCay Brother and Sister to Exhibit
at Forester's Hall.

The program, which will be rendered by the blind musical artists, John and Mary McCay tomorrow evening in Forester's hall is full of enjoyment, variety and interest. There will be piano selections from the operas, "Norma" and "Il Trovatore," artistically arranged for four hands, also piano solos among which is Kunkel's "Alpine Storm"—a true imitation of nature. There will also be baritone and soprano duets and solos including Irish songs, impersonations, the story of the three Hebrews, The Hushful Man, the Old Ricker, who imagines he is young, stories of Irish wit, etc. Admission 25 cents.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont, unsettled weather. Probably rain or snow tonight and